

Police Sergeant Pat Kilroy arrived on the scene and helped both of them out.

So many of us wonder what we would do when faced with an emergency. Anthony's quick thinking and selfless action at Collingdale Park prevented a tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join members of our community in recognizing Anthony Alexander as a local hero.

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MR. PUTIN'S WAR

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, join my colleague, Representative THOMPSON, in remembering and feeling very blessed to have known Jim Hagedorn, our colleague and friend, and I pray for his family.

Mr. Speaker, on this day we need to discuss the fact that Vladimir Putin is absolutely stunned by the courage and resolve of the Ukrainian people. After 6 to 7 days of fighting, Ukraine controls most of its major cities including the city that my family is from, Lviv. The Russian people are protesting their leader's unprovoked aggression seeing, as the world sees, that this is Putin's war alone.

We must do more. Our crippling sanctions are strongly hurting the Russian economy. But, Mr. Speaker, we must recognize this conflict is where energy is both the carrot and the stick. We must hit Putin where it hurts, by cutting off imports of Russian oil to the United States, unleashing U.S. energy, and ensuring Nord Stream 2 never goes into effect.

Putin can't be trusted. This is understood. His prior interest in diplomacy was insincere. We must show leadership. We must provide the weapons that, by the way, were provided by the Ukrainian Parliament.

HONORING SUNNY BRYANT FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 8-year-old Sunny Bryant from Houston, Texas.

Some hometown heroes, like Sunny Bryant, might be too young to work and are certainly too young to even have a driver's license, but they inspire millions of people across our Nation.

Sunny Bryant is a transgender girl who, like her transgender community, is currently experiencing fear and anxiety due to politically motivated attacks sparked by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and his anti-trans actions.

Governor Abbott recently directed State officials to investigate parents who support their trans children with

gender-affirming healthcare, describing it as child abuse. This measure not only goes against the opinions of medical experts, but it intentionally strikes fear in the transgender community for political gain. This is appalling.

But like hometown heroes across the country, Sunny is strong and resilient—and she has got some missing teeth as you can see in the photo, Mr. Speaker.

Sunny Bryant, from my home district in Texas, will be my virtual State of the Union guest. I am truly honored that she will be joining me today.

CALIFORNIA WATER ALLOCATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week, Federal officials announced California water allocations for water year 2022—this one—this spring right now where growers are getting ready to plant—or would be.

Despite their hard work as growers, their productivity and responsibility of feeding the rest of the Nation being on their shoulders, they were put dead last in line for water allocations. That is right. Behind even the mindless dumping of freshwater into our oceans to save nonexistent fish.

Even though California farmers produce most of the Nation's fruit, nut, and vegetable crops, many received zero percent of their allocation—this at a time of many bare store shelves in the grocery stores, this time of crisis of an international proportion where we should be making our own energy and our own food crops.

We are going to become more reliant on imported food if we don't grow this 2022 crop year because we are growing next year's crop right now—including on my rice farm at home.

These water allocations will indeed have drastic consequences for the farmers, their employees, and the small towns that they populate all up and down California and indeed other States as well.

So growers are at their wit's end. We need President Biden and others to reallocate and prioritize water for farmers, not for fish.

PROTECTING LGBTQ RIGHTS ABROAD

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, reports to Congress are not just for us. They are a tool for Americans to hold our government accountable.

I joined Republicans and Democrats to pass the Global Respect Act to require the White House and State Department to name foreign individuals who violate the human rights of

LGBTQ people. People put on this list would be ineligible for visas to enter into the United States.

This report of human rights violations should not fit on some desk in Washington, D.C. gathering dust. My amendment to the Global Respect Act gives every American the opportunity to read the report on protecting LGBTQ rights abroad.

The public, our partners, and our allies need to see that the U.S. Government is holding human rights abusers accountable. My amendment will require a published report and will improve transparency and accountability.

UKRAINE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in solidarity with the people of Ukraine who are under horrific siege. Ukraine's valiant President Volodymyr Zelensky and the courageous Ukrainian forces and its people are defending their homeland in what truly is a battle of David versus Goliath.

Putin is unleashing hell on Earth through cluster bombs and vacuum bombs on innocent civilians targeting women, children, and the elderly, and striking hospitals and orphanages in a murderous rampage.

This is the work of war criminals. But more war is not the answer. The top leaders of every nation in our world—not just their ambassadors but every leader of every nation—this week must create an historic surge of diplomacy to engage with Vladimir Putin to end this massacre.

Work it out. Work it out.

Please stop the killing. Stop the fear. Stop the massacre. Build forward. Invite Vladimir Putin toward a new world of peace and opportunity for all in that damaged and struggling part of our beleaguered world.

DEMOCRATS ARE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, President Biden and Democrats are building a better America.

Last year we passed the American Rescue Plan. That helped get our economy back on track. We have created in America approximately 7 million jobs in the last 12 months. That is a record in U.S. history. We are also experiencing very high economic growth. Jobs are up, wages are up, and unemployment is down.

We then followed it up with an infrastructure law that is going to rebuild roads, bridges, and highways. It is going to put broadband internet everywhere from rural areas to inner cities. It is going to get lead out of our water, and it is going to put EV charging stations across America.